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Edinburgh, the twenty one day of December, 1676.

Institutions given by His Majesty's Privy Council, to the persons appointed by them, to be Tasters of Ale and Drinking-beer within the City of Edinburgh, and Burghs thereof, Cannon-gate, Leith, and the Burghs royal in the Shires of Edinburgh, Linlithgow, Haddington, &c.

It is ordered, That the Tasters, who are appointed for each Baylies respective quarter, in the the City of Edinburgh, shall change their Quarters each moneth: These who are appointed for the eldest Baylies Quarter the first moneth, shall be for the youngest Baylies Quarter the next: and these appointed for the third Baylies, shall be for the second Baylies the next moneth: And so forth by turns monethly, which the Magistrates are to see done accordingly.

All Brewers are discharged to give out any Ale or Drinking-beer out of any of their Breweries, untill the same be tasted by one of the ordinar Tasters, who are ordered to taste every Browst after the same is tunned, and before it go to the Tapster, and the like to be done for such Drink as shall be both browen and tapped by any particular person, before they shall tap any thereof. And the Tasters for Edinburgh, Leith, and Cannon-gate, are ordered weekly to give up the names of the contraveners, to the Clerks of the Council, to be communicated to the Committee; and the Tasters of the rest of the Burghs to give the same up to the Commissioners of the Excise of the Shire.

It is ordered that the several Brewers give up a list to the Tasters of the Tapsters to whom they sell their drink in their respective bounds weekly, that the Tasters may know what Tapsters sell the same, and the Tasters are ordered to taste the Ale in the several houses of the Tapsters at least twice a week; and the Tapsters are to give up to the Tasters the Brewers names from whom they receive their Drink: And in case, either the Brewer or Tapster refuse, the Tasters are appointed to give up their names as aforesaid.

It is ordered that the Tasters take particular notice at what price each Brewer and Tapster sell their Ale and Drinking-beer, and give a particular account as aforesaid weekly of the names of such Brewers and Tapsters as they shall finde do brew and tap Ale and Drinking-beer, which is not sufficient, and sells the same at higher rates than is allowed by the Statute.

It is appointed for the West-part, Potteraw, Pleasants, and Teard-heads of Leith, that they shall taste the Ale and Drinking-beer of all Brewers, not only, these that vent the same in the said West-part, but also those that vent the same elsewhere, and vents the same in the City of Edinburgh: as also of the Brewers of Gorgie-wilne, Dalry, Dalry-head, Dalry-burn, Water of Leith, Dean, Colt-bridge, Gorgie-town, Merchiston, Cannon-wilne, and other places within a mile and a half of Edinburgh, except Duddingston, and Restalrig. That the Tasters in the Teard-heads of Leith do the like, as to the Brewers and Breweries in that part of the Shire, that either vents their Drink themselves, or imports the same to the town of Edinburgh, or any other place within a mile of Leith, and the Tasters in Restalrig and Duddingston are to do the like in their bounds as to what is consumed in the place, or imported as aforesaid.

The Tasters sworn and received for the bounds aforesaid are to continue in that service from the first day of January, 1677. to the first day of January, 1678. In which trust they are required to be exact and diligent, as they will be answerable.

GOD Save the King.